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Albatross Exploding

The Goon creator *Eric Powell* launches a new all-ages series, ***Chimichanga,*** the tale of a bearded girl, her less-than-spectacular traveling circus, and a bizarre creature that turns their life upside down. (Dec)

Antarctic

The soulful-singing sorcerer returns in ***Gold Digger: Spellvis—Return of the King,*** a special oneshot by *Fred Perry.* (Jan)

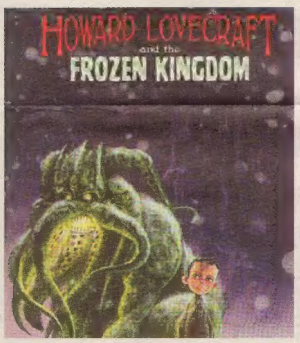
An intrepid rodent faces off against Owl Kaida in ***Obamouse,*** a oneshot by *Fred Perry & Ben Dunn.* (Jan)

On the night of his assassination, Abraham Lincoln uses HG Wells' Time Machine to travel up and down the time-line, battling evil along the way, in ***Time Lincoln,*** a oneshot by *Fred Perry & Brian Denham.* (Feb)

Ape

Four friends face off against monstrous creatures in the Wild West in ***Hairy Things,*** a miniseries by *Jay Carvajal & Marc Borstel.* (Jan)

Arcana



Bruce Brown & Renzo Podesta explore the fantastic life of young HP Lovecraft in ***Howard Lovecraft and the Frozen Kingdom.*** The adventure begins when Howard ignores his father's warning and uses the Necronomicon to open a portal to a strange frozen world. (Dec)

Archaia

Joshua Hale Fialkov & Noel Tuazon's acclaimed Kindle graphic novel ***Tumor*** comes to print for the first time this winter. The story follows a man with an inoperable brain tumor who sets out to save a girl before his life comes to an untimely end. (Jan)

Aspen

Learn the origin of Fathom's leading heroine, Aspen Matthews, in ***Fathom: Blue Descent #0*** by *David Schwartz & Scott Clark.* (Feb)

Avatar

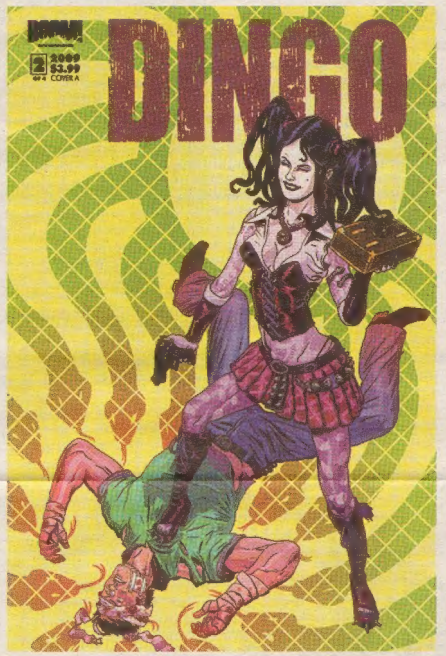
Warren Ellis & Raula Caceras revisit the 1800s in ***Captain Swing,*** an eccentric period piece about a policeman who keeps seeing things he's not supposed to... (Feb)

Bluewater

The Beatles' amazing career is spotlighted in ***Rock 'N' Roll Comics Volume 1: The Beatles Experience,*** which covers the group from the Fab Four's childhood through the history-making breakup and beyond. (Dec)

Paul Salamoff & Daniel Gete bring *William F. Nolan's* SF novel to comics once again with the debut of their ***Logan's Run*** adaptation. (Jan-Feb)

Bluewater's political biography series continues with ***Female Force: Nancy Pelosi*** and ***Political Power #7: Al Gore*** (Jan), as well as ***Political Power #8: Nelson Mandela,*** a look at the man who changed South Africa and the world. (Feb) Meanwhile, fans of popular literature will want to latch onto their ***Female Force #10: JK Rowling,*** which tells the story of Harry Potter's creator. (Dec)



Boom

He's a man after one thing—a mysterious box—and he'll stop at nothing to get it. Find out why in ***Dingo,*** a suspense series by *Michael Alan Nelson & Francesco Biagini.* (Dec)

Super Goof, the Duck Avenger, Eega Beeva, and the Red Bat join together to star in ***Disney's Hero Squad,*** a spinoff from the pages of ***Walt Disney's Comics & Stories.*** (Jan-Feb)

Mark Waid presents the flip side to ***Irredeemable*** in ***Incorruptible,*** an ongoing series that spotlights a villain who takes a detour down the straight and narrow. (Dec-Feb)

The Muppets star in a retelling of one of the most famous of all legends in ***Muppet King Arthur,*** a book that finds Kermit and crew on a quest for the Holy Grail. (Dec-Feb)

Mickey Mouse, Donald Duck, and Goofy continue to struggle in the Grand Wizard's tournament, determined to win back the Diamagic from Peg-Leg Pete the Great in ***Wizards of Mickey #1.*** (Jan-Feb)

Dark Horse

Randy Stradley & Rick Leonardi continue the ever-popular clash between Aliens and Predators in ***Aliens Vs. Predator: Three World War,*** a six-issue miniseries. A long-lost Predator clan stakes its claim for galactic dominance, intent on exterminating its rival clan—and they have terrifying weapon at their disposal—Aliens, weaponized and under their malefic control. (Jan)

Mike Mignola, John Arcudi, & Guy Davis continue the story of the BPRD in ***BPRD: King of Fear,*** a five-part miniseries that picks up after the defeat of the mystic Memnan Saa, as the Bureau for Paranormal Research and Defense—on the outs with the United States government after the blood-stained rescue of Liz Sherman—embark to the Ural Mountains, the site of ***BPRD: Hollow Earth,*** to put the frog menace to rest once and for all. (Jan-Feb)

Acclaimed novelist and comics writer *Brad Meltzer* signs on as writer of "Twilight," a five-part arc that begins in ***Buffy the Vampire Slayer #32.*** (Feb)

Dark Horse's ***One Shot Wonders*** continues in December with the release of ***Buffy the Vampire Slayer: Willow,*** by *Joss Whedon, Karl Moline, & Andy Owens.* The story reveals just what happened during Willow's walkabout following the demise of Sunnydale. (Dec)

Jerry Robinson reworks and updates his classic ***The Comics: An Illustrated History of Comic Strip Art,*** an insightful, fact-filled look at the origins and evolutions of comic strips from the pre-***Yellow Kid*** days to the present. If there's anyone who knows comics, it's *Jerry Robinson,* the man who created the Joker! (Feb)

Conan the Cimmerian: The Weight of the Crown, another ***One Shot Wonders*** offering, presents *Darick Robertson's* take on *Robert E. Howard's* legendary barbarian hero. (Dec)

Manga artist *Torajiro Kishi* and anime studio *Madhouse* present their first original, Western-style comic in the pages of ***Devil,*** a thrilling, sci-fi take on the vampire genre. (Feb)

Until now published only in original trade graphic novel format, *Adam Warren's* ***Empowered*** makes its periodical debut with the release of the ***Empowered One Shot Wonder.*** (Dec)

Mike Mignola & Richard Corben team up for ***Hellboy: The Bride of Hell,*** a ***One Shot Wonder*** offering that begins when a nineteen-year-old girl is kidnapped. Hellboy tracks her down to a remote clearing in France where she's about to be given to Asmodeus. (Dec)

Martin Powell & Mike Manley bring *Fredric Brown's* most famous novel to comics with the debut of the six-issue ***Martians Go Home!*** limited series. It begins when, without warning, one billion Little Green Men are pop up on your street and in your house, all of them knowing your deepest and darkest secrets. Only Luke Devereaux, a burnt-out science-fiction writer, knows how to defeat the them. (Dec)

Courtesy your friendly neighborhood comics outlet!

Mass Effect 2 lead writer *Mac Walters* reveals an essential moment in the life of Commander Shepard, the galaxy's greatest hero, in ***Mass Effect: Redemption,*** a four-part limited series co-written by *John Jackson Miller* and illustrated by *Omar Francia.* (Jan-Feb)

When the Mesmo Delivery truck rolls into town, a heap of trouble is sure to follow, as readers will see in *Rafael Grampa & Marcus Penna's* ***Mesmo Delivery,*** a kinetic, bloody romp starring Rufo, an ex-boxer; Sangrecco, an Elvis impersonator; and a ragtag crew of overly confident drunks who pick the wrong delivery men to mess with. (Jan-Feb)

Writer and director *Christopher "mink" Morrison* and legendary artist *Yoshitaka Amano* join forces to craft an unforgettable tale of destiny, danger, and hard-boiled sorcery in ***Shinjuku,*** a 160-page hardcover featuring over a hundred original paintings by Amano! (Dec)

Solomon Kane battles evil once again in ***Solomon Kane: Death's Black Riders,*** a four-issue miniseries by *Scott Allie & Mario Guevara.* (Jan-Feb)

DC

Nine DC books return from the dead for one month in a special ***Blackest Night*** January mini-event. The returning titles include:

- ***The Atom & The Hawkman #46*** by *Geoff Johns & Ryan Sook,* which finds the Atom hunted by not only the Black Lanterns Hawkman and Hawkgirl, but Black Lanterns Khufu and Chay-Ara!
- ***Catwoman #83*** by *Fabian Nicieza, Julian Lopez, & Bit,* which pits Catwoman against a dead villain that she was responsible for killing – the original Black Mask!
- ***The Phantom Stranger #42*** by *Peter J. Tomasi, Ardian Syaf, & Vicente Cifuentes,* which pits the Phantom Stranger—along with Blue Devil and Deadman—against the Black Lantern Spectre.
- ***The Power of Shazam #48*** by *Eric Wallace, Don Kramer, Michael Babinski,* which brings Osiris back from the dead to terrorize a young Billy and Mary Batson.
- ***The Question #37*** by *Greg Rucka, Denys Cowan, & Bill Sienkiewicz,* which finds Renee Montoya targeted by Black Lantern Vic Sage, the former Question.
- ***Starman #81*** by *James Robinson, Fernando Dagnino, & Bill Sienkiewicz,* which features a Black Lantern Starman haunting Opal City... but which Starman is it?
- ***Suicide Squad #67*** and ***Secret Six #17,*** a crossover two-parter by *John Ostrander, Gail Simone, & J. Calafiore,* a two-parter that pits the Suicide Squad against the Secret Six.
- ***Weird Western Tales #71*** by *Dan DiDio & Renato Arlem,* which finds Western heroes Jonah Hex, Bat Lash, Scalphunter, & Firehair rising from the dead as Black Lanterns.

The Black Lanterns force Superboy-Prime to face his deepest fears in ***Adventure Comics #5,*** a ***Blackest Night*** tie-in by *Geoff Johns & Jerry Ordway*—but what... or who... are they? (Dec) Then *Geoff Johns & Francis Manapul* say goodbye (for now) to Superboy with the spectacular 30-page ***Adventure Comics #6.*** (Jan)

The new Batgirl comes face-to-face with Batman and Robin in ***Batgirl #5***—and they're anything but happy about her running around with a bat-symbol on her costume. (Dec)

Oracle and the Penguin guest-star in *Tony Daniels'* ***Batman #694*** as Batman sets his sights on Kittyhawk, a young thief who will play a pivotal role in the outcome of Black Mask's gang war. (Dec-Feb)

Knight, Squire, and Batwoman guest-star in ***Batman & Robin #7,*** the first installment of "Blackest Night," a three-part story arc by *Grant Morrison & Cameron Stewart* that offers additional clues on the Domino Killer and the details surrounding the "death" of Bruce Wayne. (Jan-Feb)

Sam Kieth is both writer and artist of a four-part storyline that begins in ***Batman Confidential #40.*** (Jan-Feb)

It's the biggest blizzard of the year, and everyone in Gotham City is doing what they can to help. Find out what Batman, Robin, Alfred, Catwoman, Mr. Freeze, Veil, Poison Ivy and more get up to when snow brings Gotham City to a standstill in ***Batman 80-Page Giant #1,*** an extra-length oneshot featuring work by *Steve Niles, Ivory Madison, David Tischman, Simon Spurrier, Chris Samnee, Clayton Henry, Marco To, Saleem Crawford,* and others. (Dec)

What do *Geoff Johns, Ivan Reis, & Oclair Albert* have in store for readers in ***Blackest Night #6?*** That's classified information at DC, although they *do* tell us that "secrets of Nekron are revealed as darkness consumes the DC Universe." For more than that, we have to wait until December! (Dec) We *do* know, however, that Nekron continues to wage war on life throughout the universe, leading Hal Jordan to discover the grim, true mission behind the villain's return in ***Blackest Night #7,*** the penultimate issue of the best-selling series by *Geoff Johns, Ivan Reis, & Oclair Albert.* But the truth is so cosmically abysmal that it threatens to expose a secret that could tear the very universe asunder. (Feb)

DC has a pair of mystery ***Blackest Night*** tie-ins: ***Adventure Comics Starring Black Lantern Superboy #7*** by *Tony Bedard & Travis Moore* and ***Black Lantern Green Arrow #30*** by *JT Krul & Will Conrad.* So what's happening in these surprise tie-in issues? Well, it's a secret... for now! (Feb)

The Flashes of Two Cities - Barry Allen and Wally West - battle the undead Rogues—including Barry Allen's greatest enemy, the Reverse Flash—in ***Blackest Night: Flash #1*** by *Geoff Johns & Scott Kolins.* (Dec-Feb)

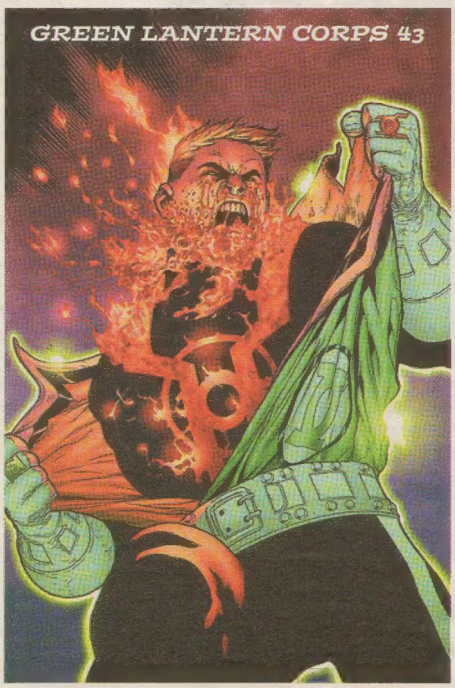
The mystery men of yesterday are back and they seek the hearts of their new counterparts! It's Mr. Terrific vs. Mr. Terrific, Dr. Midnite vs. Dr. Midnite, Sand vs Wesley Dodds! Can the new generation of heroes survive the rise of the Black Lantern JSA? Find out in ***Blackest Night: JSA #1*** by *James Robinson, Eddy Barrows, & Ruy José.* (Dec-Feb)

Black Lantern Maxwell Lord has risen and he seeks revenge and retribution for his murder at the hands of Diana. Look for unexpected changes to befall Wonder Woman in the course of ***Blackest Night: Wonder Woman,*** a three-part series by *Greg Rucka & Nicola Scott.* (Dec-Feb)

Scott Kolins, Sterling Gates, Amy Wolfram, Fred Van Lente, Jay Faerber, Beau Smith, David Tischman, Jay Torres, Jeff Lemire, Daniel Liester, and others offer some holiday cheer in ***DC Holiday Special 2009,*** an 80-page oneshot. (Dec)

In *Geoff Johns & Ed Benes'* ***Green Lantern #49,*** a ***Blackest Night*** tie-in, John Stewart comes face to face with his greatest failures, the planet Xanshi and his wife and fellow Green Lantern, Katma Tui. (Dec) Then, surrounded by friends and enemies, Hal Jordan goes into battle with a being he will never defeat – the Black Lantern Spectre! Can Saint Walker, Sinestro and the others put a stop to this bizarre Spectre rebirth? Find out in *Geoff Johns, Doug Mahnke, & Christian Alamy's* ***Green Lantern #50,*** a 40-page ***Blackest Night*** tie-in. (Jan) From there, Hal Jordan makes the ultimate move to take on the Black Lantern Spectre in ***Green Lantern #51.*** But what price comes with the unleashing of Parallax? (Feb)

As the Black Lanterns continue their reign of terror and chaos on Oa, things go from bad to worse when a horrible loss for the Green Lantern Corps results in Guy Gardner becoming so enraged that he becomes a Red Lantern in ***Green Lantern Corps #43,*** a ***Blackest Night*** tie-in by *Peter J. Tomasi, Pat Gleason, & Rebecca Buchman.* (Dec)



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Len Wein, Peter Johnson, Bruno Redondo, Sergio Sandoval, Chris Sprouse, & Karl Story bring Christopher Chance back to comics in ***Human Target #1,*** the kickoff of a six-part series timed to take advantage of the launch of Fox's ***Human Target*** television series. (Feb)

Darwyn Cooke supplies the art for the double-sized ***Jonah Hex #50,*** joining writers *Jimmy Palmiotti & Justin Gray* to reveal a secret being kept by Tallulah Black that could change everything Hex is about. (Dec)

James Robinson, Mark Bagley, & Rob Hunter begin a new era for the JLA in ***Justice League of America #41*** as the team regroups with a new roster that includes Batman, Green Lantern, the Atom, Green Arrow, Donna Troy, the Guardian, Cyborg, Mon-El, Starfire, Dr. Light and, yes, Congorilla! (Jan)

In *Bill Willingham, Travis Moore, & Dan Green's* ***Justice Society of America #34,*** the JSA struggles to pick up the pieces after the team's devastating break-up. Meanwhile, in the aftermath of the split, the Justice Society spinoff group pulls itself together in a new series, ***JSA All-Stars,*** by *Matthew Sturges & Freddie Williams III.* (Dec)

Magog finds himself the odd man out during a massive escape from Haven – and his own team thinks he's somehow responsible for the prison break! Turns out, Magog may have exposed one of the DC Universe's biggest cover-ups! Find out just what's going on in ***Justice Society of America Annual #1*** by *Keith Giffen, Matthew Sturges, & Tom Derenick.* (Feb)

Milestone founding creators *Dwayne McDuffie, John Paul Leon, MD Bright, Denys Cowan, & ChrisCross* reunite for ***Milestone Forever,*** a two-part series that completes the tales told in the original runs of ***Static Shock, Icon, Hardware; Shadow Cabinet,*** and ***Blood Syndicate.*** This series reveals the final fate of each of Milestone's launch characters in a bittersweet tale that chronicles the literal end of a universe and the birth of something new…with major consequences for the future of the DC Universe. (Feb)

After the horrifying events of ***Blackest Night,*** Katana and Black Lightning are dispatched to deal with a terrifying disturbance on the open seas in ***Outsiders #26,*** the first issue produced by the new creative team of *Dan DiDio, Philip Tan, & Jonathan Glapion.* (Dec)

John Ostrander & Gail Simone wrap up their epic team-up in ***Secret Six #18.*** The Black Lanterns have both the Suicide Squad and the Secret Six up against the wall. But Amanda Waller always has a plan. That plan: Manhunter! Plus, Deadshot is forced to make the decision of his life! (Feb)

Sterling Gates & Jamal Igle reunite to tell an epic, oversized battle royale between the Girl of Steel and a mysterious, diabolical new foe in ***Supergirl #50.*** Still reeling from last issue's harrowing events, Supergirl is put to the test when she uncovers a terrible secret about her friend and confidant, Lana Lang. This issue also features look into a day in the life of the Girl of Steel, written by *Jake Black* and Supergirl herself—actress *Helen Slater*! And art fans won't want to miss this issue's cover by the late, great *Michael Turner.* (Feb)

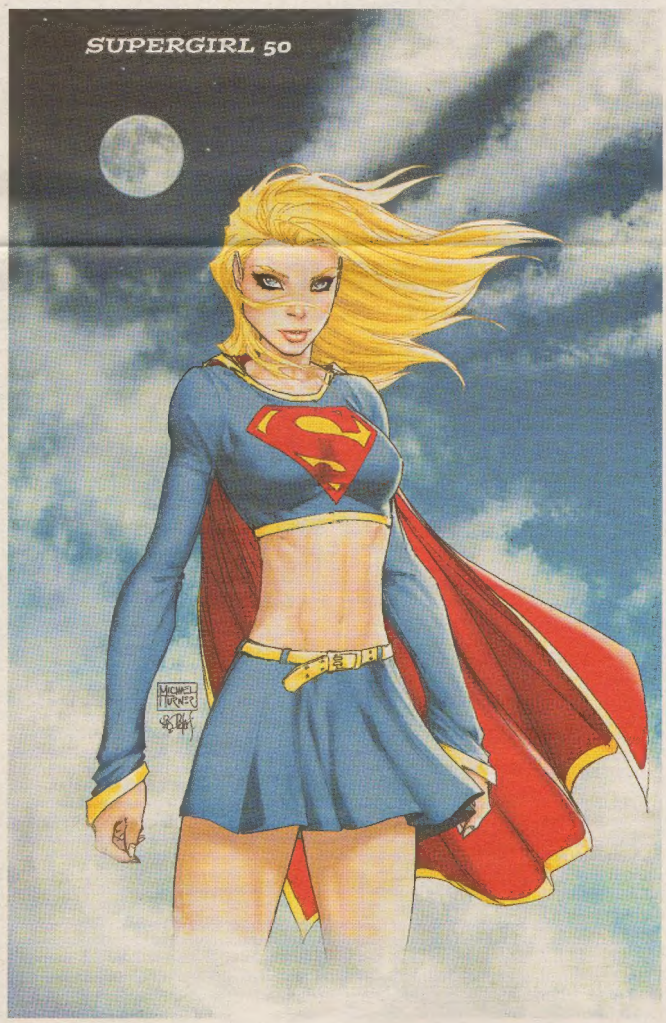
Uncover the secret aftermath of ***Our World at War*** in *Joe Casey & Ardian Syaf's* ***Superman/Batman #69*** as the identity of the shape shifting, fugitive Durlan is revealed! (Feb)

Donna Troy is spotlighted in ***Titans #20*** by *Mike Johnson, Angel Unzueta, & Wayne Faucher.* (Dec) Next, *JT Krul, Angel Unzueta, & Wayne Faucher* present part 1 of the 2-part "Fractured" in ***Titans #21,*** with Dick back in Gotham City and Gar and Raven returning to the West Coast. As the team continues to fall apart, the remaining members struggle to put the pieces back together. (Jan-Feb)

The secret behind Wonder Woman's new power and the true meaning of the Olympian are revealed in ***Wonder Woman #39*** by *Gail Simone, Aaron Lopresti, & Matt Ryan.* (Dec)

WildStorm/DC

Mar Bernardin, Adam Freeman, & Al Barrionuevo launch a new chapter in the saga of the Wildstormverse's premiere superteam in ***The Authority #18.*** It begins when a bolt from the deepest reaches of space gives the Carrier a new lease on life. Now the heroes of the WildStorm Universe must decide whether they should abandon the seemingly hopeless Earth or stay behind and fight for its survival. This issue features a cover by *George Pérez* that links with his cover art for ***Wildcats #19*** to form a blockbuster image featuring the big guns of the WildStorm Universe. (Jan)



In *Adam Beechen, Tim Seeley, & Ryan Wynn's* ***Wildcats #19,*** the Carrier leaves UnLondon, taking some of Earth's most powerful defenders with it. Can the heroes who remain help the planet survive not one, but *two* alien invasions? (Jan)

Christos Gage & Diego Latorre adapt the upcoming EA videogame (which is in turn inspired by the classic poem by *Dante Alighieri)* in ***Dante's Inferno,*** a six-issue limited series. (Dec-Feb)

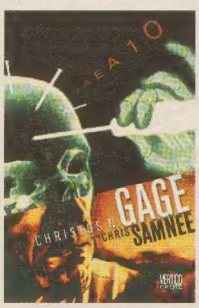
Supernatural: Beginning's End #1, an expansion of the CW's hit television series, picks up several years after the events of the ***Rising Son*** miniseries as the Winchester clan find themselves in the strangest situation imaginable – monster hunting in the Big Apple! (Jan-Feb)

Doug Wagner & Pop Mhan launch a new series focusing on the Horde in the appropriately entitled ***World of Warcraft: Horde #1.*** (Jan-Feb)

World of Warcraft Special #1, produced by *Mike Costa & Pop Mhan,* introduces new Horde and Alliance characters not yet seen in the ongoing series. (Dec)

Vertigo/DC

In New York City, a killer known as "Henry The Eighth" leaves a trail of decapitated corpses — keeping the severed heads to use for unknown purposes. NYPD Detective Adam Kamen leads the investigation, until a seemingly unrelated freak incident leaves him with a brain injury in the section known as "Brodmann Area 10." When he recovers, Adam's perceptions of time are altered. He becomes slowly convinced that his bizarre condition could be tied directly to the "Henry" case — and that the key may lie in the ancient, mystical practice of trepanation. *Christos Gage & Chris Samnee* present a compelling and creepy crime drama in ***Area 10,*** a Vertigo Crime Line hardcover. (Feb)



Peter Milligan & James Romberger present an urban mystery filled with family secrets in ***The Bronx Kill HC.*** When his wife goes missing, Martin Keane is forced to delve into his family's secrets. It's a path that will lead him back to the Bronx Kill—that lonely, godforsaken stretch of land where many years earlier his grandfather had been brutally murdered, and where finally he will learn the truth about his wife's disappearance. (Jan)

With the release of ***Daytripper #1,*** *Fábio Moon & Gabriel Bá* launch a hauntingly lyrical series set in their native Brazil. Brás de Oliva Domingos is an obituary writer with a famous father, a career he hates, and tons of questions. How does a person become a successful writer? How does a man get out of his father's shadow? But those concerns will dwarf the surprise he'll find in the first issue – a twist both he and readers will never see coming, which will grow into a mystery about the meaning of life itself. (Dec-Feb)

Commemorating the 25th anniversary of the first appearance of John Constantine, *Jamie Delano* – the very first ***Hellblazer*** writer – returns for a new original graphic novel, ***Hellblazer: Pandemonium,*** illustrated by fan-favorite artist *Jock.* (Jan)

Is Joe the savior of a wild fantasyland held under siege by dark magic... or is he an overly imaginative boy who could die from an insulin reaction if he doesn't take his meds? Find out in ***Joe the Barbarian,*** a surreal fantasy adventure eight-part series produced by *Grant Morrison & Sean Murphy.* (Jan-Feb)

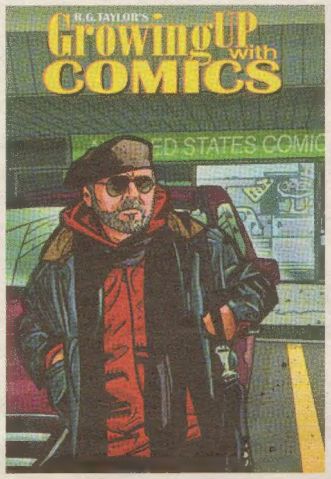
In *Peter Bagge's* ***Other Lives HC,*** readers will meet three certified geeks: a self-loathing journalist who has a seemingly normal girlfriend, a conspiracy theorist who still lives with his mother, and an unemployed gamer who lives in his car. These strangely likable misfits find that dark personal secrets can sometimes be a virtue... (Feb)

In ***DMZ #50,*** *Brian Wood* teams with several artists to present "Notes from the Underground," an oversized collection of short stories gathered by stranded rookie journalist Matty Roth on location in the heart of America's Second Civil War. (Feb)

Brian Wood & Becky Cloonan continue their acclaimed indy series at its new Vertigo home with the release of ***Demo Volume 2 #1.*** In "The Waking Life of Angels," a woman is haunted by a recurring premonition; one of a person plummeting from a great height. Seriously sleep-deprived and with only fragments of images for clues, she abandons her life to travel halfway around the world in hopes of finding this person before her fateful accident occurs. (Feb)

Desperado

Doc Holliday, Billy the Kid, Frank James, Belle Starr, Sitting Bull, and Black Bart unite in search of hidden wealth in ***Death Valley.*** What they find, though, is a mysterious evil that threatens their world. (Dec)



R.G. Taylor illustrates true stories by a television producer, an animator, a comic book store owner, and others about the comics they loved in their youth and about the way the medium changed their lives in ***Growing Up With Comics.*** (Jan)

Dynamite

Garth Ennis returns to the combat zone in ***Garth Ennis' Battlefields: Happy Valley #1.*** This story focuses on a young Australian bomber commander who has trouble winning the respect of his battle-hardened crew. (Dec-Feb)

James Kuhoric & Grant Bond venture in ***Fables*** territory with ***The Legendary Tailspinners,*** a three-parter that focuses on storytellers, their stories.. and the ominous force that has been destroying both, leaving children with dulled imaginations and no will to believe in giant killers or wicked witches. (Feb)

Red Sonja: Wrath of the Gods #1 launches a five-part look at Sonja's past in a tale that also stars Loki, Thor, and Odin. (Feb)

Paul Verhoeven's metallic lawman returns to comic with the debut of ***Robocop,*** a new series based on the film franchise. (Jan-Feb)

Don McGregor & Mike Mayhew present a classic tale from Zorro's past in ***Zorro: Matanzas,*** a four-part series. (Feb)

Fantagraphics

Four hard-to-find *Jason* tales are collected in ***Almost Silent,*** a 292-page collection that includes a Frankensteinian horror tale, a collection of short stories, a zombie spoof, and more. (Jan)

Fantagraphics compiles both volumes of *Ho Che Anderson's* biography of *Martin Luther King* in ***King: The Special Edition***—and they add almost a hundred pages of bonus material, including a previously-unseen prelude. (Dec)

Cathy Malkasian looks at the timeless nature of war and enmity in ***Temperance,*** an original graphic novel that focuses on a soldier who, after an injury, has forgotten all about his prior life... and his wife hopes to keep those memories buried. (Feb)

IDW

What happened when LA went to hell in ***After the Fall?*** Find out in ***Angel Annual #1,*** which spotlights a screenwriter's movie based on Angel's experiences. (Dec)

IDW continues with their adaptation of landmark ***Angel*** episodes with ***Angel: A Hole in the World,*** which presents one of the series' most heartbreaking episodes and its followup episode, "Shell."

Chuckles is the only man alive to have successfully infiltrated COBRA... and now he's M.I.A. Has he been killed? Find out in ***GI Joe: Cobra II.*** (Jan-Feb)

Venkman, Ray, Egon, and Winston find

themselves caught up in a twisted version of ***A Christmas Carol*** in ***Ghostbusters: Past, Present, and Future.*** (Dec)

GI Joe: Operation Hiss follows Scarlett and Snake-Eyes as they are dispatched to investigate a disturbance and a Chinese weapons facility... a disturbance linked to Cobra. (Feb)

IDW joins with the Dabel Brothers to launch a new ***Mercy Thompson*** series, ***Moon Called.*** This tale of the shapeshifting heroine is adapted from the best-selling novel by *Patricia Briggs.* (Feb)

Writer/artist *Trevor Von Eeden* chronicles the life of Jack Johnson, the first African-American heavyweight champion, in ***The Original Johnson.*** (Dec)

IDW launches a brand-new series focusing on some of the most famous Captains in Starfleet history with ***Star Trek Captains: Sulu,*** a look at the captain of the USS Excelsior. (Jan)

In ***Transformers: Last Stand of the Wreckers,*** the Autobot special ops crew the Wreckers, are sent to investigate Garrus-9, a prison that fell to the Decepticons three years ago with no communication in or out since. (Jan-Feb)

We Will Bury You takes readers back to the end of the silent film era, where two unlikely heroines use their unorthodox skills to survive as a zombie virus threatens their world. (Feb)

Those zombies 'n' robots are back in ***Zombies Vs. Robots Aventure,*** a new four-parter by *Chris Ryall, Menton Matthews, Paul McCaffrey, & Gabriel Hernandez.* (Feb)

Image

A new balance arrives in the Top Cow Universe as Dani Baptiste rises to her role as ***Angelus*** in a new ongoing series by *Ron Marz & Stjepan Sejic.* And of course, you can expect lots of links to both ***Witchblade*** and ***The Darkness.*** (Jan-Feb)

Rich Johnston, Saverio Tenuta, & Bagwell blend action-adventure and comics satire in ***Chase Variant,*** a story starring a four-armed genetically altered assassin. (Feb)

*Ben McCool *& Ben Templesmith* join forces for ***Choker,*** a hardboiled noir tale of an ex-cop turned bitter private detective who's offered a way to return to the force... if he can complete a very unusual assignment. (Feb)

Witness a tale of lost love and depravity in ***The Darkness: Shadows & Flame,*** a oneshot by *Rob Levin & Jorge Lucas.* (Jan)

Joseph Michael Linsner & Eva Hopkins' ***Dawn*** returns in the oneshot ***Dawn: Not to Touch the Earth,*** in which Dawn takes the heroic Darrian to the faerie realm. (Dec)

A pair of struggling models turned professional killers target a failed artist and hypnotist's assistant for death in ***Forgetless,*** a five-parter by *Nick Spencer & W. Scott Forbes.* (Dec-Feb)

Michael Avon Oeming, Daniel Berman, & John Broglia introduce readers to a god in hiding in ***/God Complex #1.*** Paul seems like an above-average guy... but he's really Apollo, one of the Greek gods now in hiding from his family. And he's better stay hidden,

because his father would rather see Paul dead than living as a mortal... (Dec-Feb)

Robert Kirkman, Erik Larsen, Ryan Ottley, Whilce Portacio present the origin of Portacio's new character Fortress in ***Image United #0.*** (Feb) Meanwhile, the core ***Image United*** series continues to feature art by every one of Image's founding members as the Imageverse's mightiest heroes face off against the original Spawn. (Dec-Jan)

Invincible Returns features the return of Invincible in his original costume in this

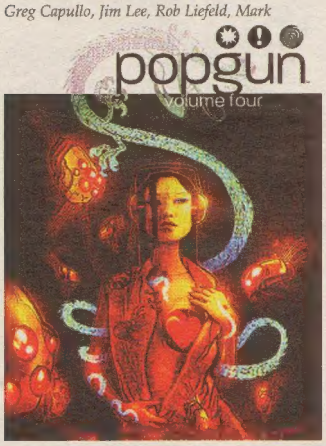
self-contained issue that brings everyone up to speed on *Robert Kirkman's* young superhero. (Feb)

Once again, *Erik Larsen* and crew present the "next issue" of a cancelled Golden Age series in ***The Next Issue Project: Silver Streak Comics #24.*** Larsen, *Paul Grist, Steve Horton, Alan Weiss, & Michael T. Gilbert* bring back the Golden Age Daredevil, the Silver Streak, Captain Battle, and the Claw for one more adventure. (Dec)

A one-eyed orc with the ability to find the weak spot in any structure stars to notice cracks in the endless war and conquest of orc existence in ***Orc Stain,*** a new ongoing series by *James Stokoe.* (Jan)

Popgun is back with its fourth volume, a 512-page full color compendium featuring new work by *Jeffery Brown, Erik Larsen, Tom Scioli, Salgood Sam, Mark Andrew Smith, Ben Templesmith,* and others. (Feb)

Todd McFarlane enlists *Robert Kirkman, Greg Capullo, Jim Lee, Rob Liefeld, Mark*



Silvestri, & Ashley Wood, among others, to celebrate the release of ***Spawn #200,*** a double-sized issue that features the new Spawn and the Clown. (Feb)

Tank Girl: Dark Nuggets is the first in a series of ***Tank Girl*** oneshots coming from Image, courtesy of co-creator *Alan Martin* and artist *Rufus Dayglo.* (Dec)

Paul Grist relaunches his signature series with the release of ***The Weird World of Jack Staff #1,*** a series that focuses on both the quirky hero and his memorable supporting cast. (Jan-Feb)

Marvel

Has Sandman returned to a life of violent crime? It appears that way... but appearances can be deceiving, as Spidey is about to discover in *Fred Van Lente & Javier Pulido's* ***Amazing Spider-Man #615.*** (Dec-Jan) Then "The Gauntlet" continues to make life difficult for Peter Parker as he confronts some of his oldest and most malevolent adversaries. In ***Amazing Spider-Man #617,*** *Joe Kelly & Max Fiumara* pit Spidey against the Rhino; then, in #618, *Dan Slott & Marcos Martin* bring Mysterio back from the dead... and he's not alone, as he's accompanied by deceased members of the Maggia crime family. (Jan-Feb) And as the Gauntlet rages on around him, ***Amazing Spider-Man #622's*** spotlight is on Peter Parker's original arch-enemy-turned-best friend, Flash Thompson. Since losing his legs in service to his country, Flash Thompson's not been deterred by his physical limitations. But even a hero can have his limits. (Feb)

The last Jackpot died in combat alongside Spider-Man – so who is the New Jackpot putting fear into the hearts of street criminals? Find out in ***Amazing Spider-Man Presents Jackpot,*** a three-parter by *Marc Guggenheim & David Yardin. (Jan)*

Spacetime is being selectively eroded by an unknown force. To stop the effect, the Agents of Atlas seek the help of the Avengers- and find a much earlier version of the team than they expected: Captain America, Iron Man, Wasp, Giant-Man and Thor are together again, with the atomic wildcard the Hulk, in ***Avengers Vs. Atlas,*** a four-part series by *Jeff Parker & Gabriel Hardman.* (Jan-Feb)

Paul Tobin, Salva Espin, & Jacopo Camagni take readers back into the Black Widow's past in ***Black Widow & the Marvel Girls,*** a four-part series that looks back at the Widow's early days and her links to the Enchantress, the Wasp, and others. (Dec-Feb)

Duane Swierczynski & Gabriel Guzman present a prelude to the upcoming "X-Men: Second Coming" event in ***Cable #23.*** As Cable and Hope fight their way back to the present, Bishop closes in on their trail, determined to stop them using the deadliest weapons at hand. Meanwhile, a few decades from now, Cable and Hope meet an old ally who could either save them—or jeopardize everything... (Feb)

The sixth issue of the five-part ***Captain America Reborn*** arc is slated to ship in January... and yes, the five-parter by *Ed Brubaker & Bryan Hitch* has indeed grown into a six-part saga. (Jan)

As ***Captain America Reborn*** wraps up, the ongoing ***Captain America*** returns to the Marvel schedule in January with the long-awaited #602. *Ed Brubaker & Luke Ross* reveal where the Captain America from the '50s has been the past few months, and what Steve and Bucky must do when an old enemy tries to become a revolutionary. (Jan-Feb)

Steve Rogers must escape from a Nazi POW camp in ***Captain America: Theater of War—Prisoners of Duty,*** a oneshot by *Kyle Higgins, Alec Siegel, & Augustin Padilla.* (Dec)

Steve Rogers has returned, but Bucky Barnes is the current Captain America, and has come into his own in the role. Will there be two Captain Americas? Will Bucky go back to being the Winter Soldier? Find out in ***Captain America: Who Will Wield the Shield?*** by *Ed Brubaker & Butch Guice.*(Dec)

Captain Marvel (aka Marvel Boy) thought he had escaped from Norman Osborn... but Osborn isn't a man who gives up very easily, as *Brian Bendis & Chris Bachalo* reveal in ***Dark Avengers Annual #1.*** (Dec)

Deadpool and Spidey team up in ***Deadpool #20*** by *Daniel Way & Carlo Barberi.* So what brings 'em together? Would you believe... Hitman Monkey? And if you're wondering who the heck that is, you can learn all about him in ***Hitman Monkey #1,*** a simian shooter saga. (Feb)

Ed Hannigan, one of Marvel's most prolific cover designers of the late '70s and early '80s, is combating multiple sclerosis now; to help raise money to assist him in this battle, Marvel and the Hero Initiative are produc-

ing ***Ed Hannigan: Covered,*** a 48-page collection of Hannigan's best covers, along with a new cover by Ed produced expressly for this edition, as well as tribute pieces from *Mark Millar, Michael Avon Oeming, Jim Valentino, Herb Trimpe,* and others. (Dec)

Wakanda has been conquered, its Vibranium reserves plundered. Storm faces execution in the next 48 hours. And Dr. Doom stands triumphant. It will take the combined forces of the X-Men, the Fantastic Four and the two Black Panthers to stand against him. And that's just what you'll see in ***Doomwar,*** a five-part miniseries by *Jonathan Maberry, Scott Eaton, Will Conrad,* and others. (Feb)

Orson Scott Card, Jake Black, & Timothy Green II follow Zeke Morgan's as his religious beliefs—and the uproar he causes over a Christmas celebration—create turmoil in Battle School in ***Ender's Game: War of Gifts.*** (Dec)

M.O.D.O.K. The Leader. Mad Thinker. Egghead. Red Ghost and the Super-Apes. Doctor Doom. They make up the secret group who have analyzed every victory and every defeat in the Marvel Universe to create the perfect battle plan that results in ***Fall of the Hulks***—and it all begins in ***Fall of the Hulks Alpha*** by *Jeff Parker & Paul Pelletier.* (Dec)

From there, ***Fall of the Hulks*** continues into *Jeph Loeb & John Romita Jr's* ***Fall of the Hulks Gamma,*** which finds the Hulk family turning on one another and the rest of the world. This story leads into the Hulk event of 2010. (Dec)

What secrets will be revealed in ***Fall of the Hulks?*** What secret plans has the Red Hulk been hiding? And what does all of this have to do with the Cosmic Hulk robot? Find out in ***Fall of the Hulks: Red Hulk #1*** by *Jeff Parker & Carlos Rodrigues.* (Jan)

Marvel continues its line of comics based on the Xbox game with the release of ***Halo: Blood Line,*** a five-part miniseries by *Fred Van Lente & Francis Portela.* (Dec)

Peter David & Sean Chen launch the two-part ***Iron Man: I Am Iron Man,*** an adaptation of the blockbuster first film, just in time for the release of ***Iron Man 2.*** (Jan-Feb)

A young man travels billions of miles through space in a rocket to help our world. But is Earth of the 1950's ready for a new super hero? Before he became the dark figure the Agents of Atlas call The Uranian, Bob Grayson raced through the skies as Marvel Boy—and you can see his earliest exploits in ***Marvel Boy: The Uranian,*** a new three-parter by *Jeff Parker & Felix Ruiz.* (Jan-Feb)

Marvel celebrates Valentine's Day with four tales of love and heartache in ***Marvel Heartbreakers.*** (Feb)

Ms Marvel takes on Captain Marvel in ***Ms. Marvel #49*** by *Brian Reed & Sana Takeda.* (Jan) Then *Brian Reed & Sana Takeda* bring ***Ms. Marvel*** to a close with the 50th issue, which features Ms. Marvel versus Mystique in a fight to the finish—and the ending will rock the world of Carol Danvers! (Feb)

A mutant nation has been created on Utopia, off the coast of California—but what does that mean to the X-Men? Find out in ***Nation X,*** a four-parter by *Simon Spurrier, James Asmus, Scott Snyder, David Lopez, Stephen Thompson,* and others. (Dec)

Utopia—the sanctuary for mutants to escape a world that wants them extinct. So is it the ideal home for X-Factor? That's what Cyclops believes when he invites the world's only mutant detective agency to relocate to their floating island retreat and take up residence there. But will Madrox and his team believe that it's the best place for them? Find out in ***Nation X: X-Factor*** by *Peter David & Valentine DeLandro.* (Jan)

Clint Barton is in custody, and the means that not only he but the New Avengers are at serious risk. So the ladies of the Avengers ban together to do what they have to do ***New Avengers Annual #3*** by *Brian Bendis & Mike Mayhew.* (Dec)

Can the Cabal hold together?

Meet a new monster for a new age, and a challenger to the warring Kings of the Cosmos...he is Hiro-Kala, Son of Hulk, and this young apocalyptic visionary has a destructive destiny: obliterate the Universe! In ***Realm of Kings: Son of Hulk #1,*** the monstrous Son of Hulk has been abducted to Jarella's sub-atomic world deep in the

Microverse, where his father once found love and acceptance. Now he must battle an invasion force of murderous aliens. (Feb)

Considering its lineup, it seems most unlikely... and the split begins in ***Siege: The Cabal,*** a oneshot by *Brian Bendis & Michael Lark* that leads into 2010's next big event, ***Siege.*** It begins when Norman Osborn faces off with Doctor Doom and his mysterious threat to Doom is revealed. (Dec)

Marvel's greatest villains have risen to a

position of power, while its most selfless heroes have fallen out of favor. Now, in a final bid to take total control, Norman Osborn targets the final obstacle in his mission: Asgard. See what he plans to do about it in ***Siege #1,*** the kickoff issue of a four-parter by *Brian Bendis & Olivier Coipel.* (Jan-Feb)

The Siege of Asgard continues in ***Siege: Embedded #1*** by *Brian Reed & Chris Samnee.* Osborn's savvy use of the media fueled his rise to power—but the very tools he's been using may turn against him. It's time to expose Norman's true face to the world and uncover the secrets behind the attack on the gods! (Jan-Feb)

Wanna know all about the major players in the ***Siege*** story arc? Then ***Siege: Storming Asgard—Heroes and Villains*** is the book for you. With insider character bios and commentary from the creators behind the Dark Siege, this will make essential reading for kicking off the event in style! (Jan)

Paul Tobin & Patrick Scherberger take readers deeper into the classic events of the Secret Wars, pulling the lid off stories that were left untold, in the four-part ***Spider-Man and the Secret Wars.*** (Dec)

With Norman Osborn out of the picture and Franklin D. Roosevelt in the White House, things are looking better for 1934 New York... but Peter Parker is about to learn how quickly that can change in ***Spider-Man Noir: Eyes Without a Face #1*** by *David Hine, Fabrice Sapolsky, & Carmine DiGiandomenico.* (Dec)

Todd Dezago & Mitch Schauer launch a new ***Super Hero Squad*** series based on the hit cartoon—and readers will be able to enjoy two short stories in each issue. (Jan)

They saved the world in ***Lockjaw & the Pet Avengers***—but what've they been doing since? Find out in ***Tails of the Pet Avengers,*** a super-sized special featuring Lockjaw, Redwing, and the rest of your favorite Pet Avengers. (Feb)

Kieron Gillen takes over as writer with ***Thor #605,*** joining artist *Billy Tan* to explore the ramifications of Loki's treachery and manipulation as the balance of power in Latveria is tipped, and all sides march toward all-out war! (Dec)

Who is the face of true evil in the Ultimate Universe? What is the biggest secret the world doesn't know? Find out in ***Ultimate Comics Enemy,*** a four-part series by *Brian Bendis & Rafa Sandoval.* (Jan)

Who—or what—is Ultimate X? *Jeph Loeb & Art Adams* answer that question in ***Ultimate Comics X #1,*** the kickoff of an ongoing bimonthly series. Wolverine is dead. Captain America is a fugitive. The Fantastic Four disbanded. Lives have been destroyed and nothing can ever be the same—is there any hope left? It all begins with a search for a brand new character whose identity will leave jaws on the floor and change the Ultimate Universe forever. (Feb)

Marvel continues a December tradition with five ***What If?*** oneshots: ***What If? Astonishing X-Men,*** which reveals what would have happened had Jean Grey been resurrected instead of Colossus; ***What If? World War Hulk,*** which explores what might have happened had the heroes lost ***World War Hulk; What If? Daredevil Vs. Elektra,*** in which Daredevil dies and is resurrected by the Hand; ***What If? Spider-Man: House of M,*** in which Gwen Stacy survived the House of M; and ***What If? Secret Invasion,*** which speculates what might have happened had the Skrulls won. (Dec)

Logan heads back to Atlantic City on a quest for answers in a gangland mystery spawning decades in ***Wolverine: Under the Boardwalk,*** a oneshot by *Stuart Moore & Tomm Coker.* (Dec)

Wolverine rescues a camera crew from an attack by a ferocious white-furred monster in ***Wolverine: Wendigo*** by *Frank Tieri & Paul Gulacy,* a oneshot that also features a "Wolverine Vs. Thor" backup. (Jan)

X-Factor has relocated back to New York, and their first client is a keeper: Franklin Richards, whose mom has disappeared and who figures that the premiere detective agency in the Marvel Universe has the best chance of finding her. Except Reed Richards doesn't seem especially cooperative in helping them locate his missing wife. What is he hiding, and does it have anything to do with the coming Darkness? Find out in ***X-Factor #200*** by *Peter David & Bing Cansino.* (Dec)

Wolverine is sent into the heart of a Hydra base alone to bring in one specific Hydra agent in ***X-Force Annual #1*** by *Robert Kirkman, Craig Kyle, Christopher Yost, Jason Pearson, & Carlo Barberi,* which also includes a Necrosha bonus feature. (Dec)

The X-Men traverse the jungles of Madripoor in search of the gigantic ruby of Cyttorak in ***X-Men Noir: Mark of Cain #1*** by *Fred Van Lente & Dennis Calero.* (Dec)

Selene's Inner Circle stand revealed... Wither, Mortis, Senyaka, Eli Bard and Blink. But what led Selene to gather some of the deadliest mutants in the world? Find out in ***X-Necrosha: The Gathering,*** a 48-page oneshot featuring short stories by *Craig Kyle, Christopher Yost, Leonardo Manco,* and others. (Dec)

The ***X-Men Origins*** series continues with a *Stuart Moore-Jesse Delperdang* tale spotlighting Scott Summers. ***X-Men Origins: Cyclops*** follows the origin of the X-Men's leader from his childhood through his joining the X-Men. (Jan)

In ***X-Men: Pixie Strikes Back,*** Pixie, X-23, Armor, Mercury and Blindfold face a new kind of hell: high school! Things get even worse when Pixie's mother shows up on Utopia demanding to see her daughter. Discover the truth about Pixie, including the answer to something even *she* doesn't know: the identity of her father- one of the most dangerous X-Villains ever! (Feb)

Moonstone

Airboy and his Airfighters return in ***Airfighters #1,*** a 72-page special by *Chuck Dixon, Tom DeFalco, & Oscar Celestini.* (Jan)

Oni

Legionnaire Peter Crogan has some hard choices to make in ***Crogan's March,*** an original graphic novel by *Chris Schweizer.* Should he finish out his term with the Foreign Legion and move on, or become an officer for life He'd best decide quickly, because the impending attack of the Tuaregs is just the first of several problems he's about to confront! (Dec)

Radical

From the mystical city of Shambhalla to the ends of the Earth comes a tale of magic, mystery and the motivations of power. It is the world of Ala ad-Din—and you can enjoy it in *Ian Edginton & Patrick Reilly's* ***Aladdin: Legacy of the Lost.*** (Jan-Feb)

Rick Remender & Greg Tocchini follow a scam artist and thief as he prepares for the ultimate—and final—heist in ***The Last Days of American Crime,*** a near-future SF-crime drama. (Jan-Feb)

Red 5

Brian Clevinger & Scott Wegener revisit the world of the inimitable Atomic Robo in ***Atomic Robo & The Revenge of the Vampire Dimension.*** (Feb)

TokyoPop

Starcraft: Ghost Academy Volume One chronicles the early years of six Starcraft characters destined for greatness—and tragedy. The graphic novel follows them as they deal with teen issues while they come to terms with their own budding telepathic abilities. (Dec)

TransFuzion

What if Heaven and Hell were corporations—but instead of sales, their charts tracked souls? That's the premise of *Rafael Nieves & Dan Dougherty's* ***The Apocalypse Plan,*** an original graphic novel. (Dec)

Viper

Four sisters of the Catholic Church battle evils using the skills they acquired in their previous lives in ***Nuns Without Guns,*** a graphic novel by *Jason Burns & Erich Owens.* (Dec)

Zenescope

Aliens offer humans a simple choice: compete in an ancient interplanetary combat ritual or watch as Earth is methodically destroyed. Ten warriors must now be chosen to fight in a battle that pits highly evolved species from various worlds against one another in ***Agon,*** a new series by *Scott Burn & Pablo Churin.* (Jan-Feb)

Zenescope ventures into the world of Peter Pan in ***Grimm Fairy Tales Presents Neverland #0.*** In this tale, Pan never wanted to grow up—and he's found the immortality and perpetual youth he wanted... so long as he can find a steady supply of children to complete his sinister plans. (Dec)

Fifty years in the future, the world has become a techno-wonderland with a gritty, dismal underbelly—and that's the world that Sonny Grissom operates in. Meet Grissom in ***Merc #1*** by *Jerry Brown & Daniel Schneider.* (Dec-Feb)

Raven Gregory offers a suspenseful take on the zombie theme in ***The Waking,*** a story of murder victims who return to seek vengeance against those responsible for their deaths. (Feb)

Zenescope ventures from fairy tales and legends to the world of science fiction and fantasy in the appropriately-entitled ***Zenescope Presents Sci-Fi & Fantasy Illustrated.*** (Jan)

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